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Randolph W. Thrower Cited by Educators

Randolph W. Thrower, chairman of Wesleyan's Board of Trustees, was one of five Georgians honored by the Association of Private Colleges and Universities in Georgia at its annual Higher Education Awards Banquet on March 25 in Atlanta.

Attorney, tax specialist, and top federal official (he was US Commissioner of Internal Revenue, 1969-71), this "preeminent citizen has served the nation, the state, and his city"; he has been an integral part of higher education, a Trustee of Wesleyan and Emory, and formerly of Reinhardt. "His competence in his profession and his genuine concern for human welfare and progress have caused him to be called to service in many significant endeavors."



Mr. Thrower holds his plaque with Wesleyan President Strickland. Educators, public officials, and community leaders from all parts of Georgia gathered to pay tribute to five outstanding men

Freshman Applications Up 60% for Fall Term, Says Director

Freshman applications at Wesleyan College for the fall semester are up 60 per cent as of April 12, causing officials to predict a substantial enrollment increase for the 1974-75 year.

Burton E. Fite, Director of Admissions, said the large number of applications, along with a 31 per cent increase in dormitory reservations indicates that next year's freshman class enrollment will be 175. When this figure is reached, it will be a 49 percent increase over the current freshman enrollment.

"These figures are startling because colleges and universities nationally are reporting applications are down or holding

their own", Mr. Fite said.

The Admissions Director credits the increase in applications to "the total involvement of students, alumnae, faculty, trustees and administration in assisting the admissions department to recruit outstanding young women."

Successful prospective student parties were held at homes of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Collins, Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. Lovick Corn, Columbus; Mr. and Mrs. Robert McK. Foster, Jr., West Palm Beach; Mr. and Mrs. John Livingston, Tampa, and Mrs. W. J. Manley, Jr., Dalton. Parties were also held in Orlando hostessed by Mrs. Shirley Richardson, alumna and counselor

on the Admissions Staff; and at the Timuguana Country Club, Jacksonville, hosted by the Jacksonville Alumnae Club.

The Macon Alumnae Club, headed by Mrs. Charles J. Lewis, sponsored a "Taste of Wesleyan" party for Macon girls in October.

For each of the parties one or more members of the Admissions Staff and the Washboard Band or The Wesleyannes of the Glee Club were in attendance.

It is hoped that during the 1974-75 school year similar parties will be held in other parts of the country, said Mr. Fite, to be hosted by alumnae, trustees and/or Wesleyannes and their families.

New Shell for Stage

A new acoustical shell, to be used on the stage for concerts, has been given to The College by Mrs. McKibben Lane. Composed of six curved sections it was used first at Porter Auditorium on the night of April 3, when a faculty recital was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Norman McLean and Miss Linda Lane, the latter a former piano teacher at Wesleyan now living in Atlanta. The shell was put into service again on April 10 when the Macon Community Concert Assn. sponsored a performance by Pinchas Zukerman, violinist, accompanied by Meg Bachman Vas.



At Alumnae Weekend Mrs. Southwell visits with R. L. Qualls, Vice President for Development

Gift Honors Friend

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wright, of Tifton, Ga., have contributed a second gift to Wesleyan in honor of their friend and fellow townswoman, Mrs. Byron L. Southwell (Harriett Evans, '25), reports President W. Earl Strickland. Mrs. Southwell was present at Alumnae Weekend April 19-20.

Back for Third Time

Mercedes McCambridge, distinguished actress of radio, theatre, and motion pictures, appeared at Wesleyan April 25 by request of students, who signed a petition for this third visit. Besides numerous honors she has received, she was given a Doctorate in Fine Arts from Edwards University, in Texas, last March. She is being acclaimed as the voice of the girl possessed in the film, "The Exorcist".

Present Film Series

"The Search for Self", a series of films dealing with the experiences of people trying to rediscover their identity and humanity in today's changing society, was presented at Wesleyan for four consecutive Monday afternoons and evenings in February. The program was produced by National Psychomedia Center and sponsored by the Middle Georgia Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center, in cooperation with Wesleyan and the Central Georgia Chapter of National Association of Social Workers. Subjects covered by the films and ensuing discussion were encounter groups, communal living, sensory awareness, parapsychology, bio-feedback and meditation.

Women's Changing Role Is Subject at Seminar

A one-day seminar on "Women's Changing Role" was held at the Candler Alumnae Center on Saturday, February 16. It was sponsored in conjunction with Georgia State U, the Macon Alumnae Club, Mortar Board, and Macon League of Women Voters. A series of speeches and nine workshops explored the many roles of womanhood, their responsibilities and rewards, problems facing women "in a man's world" and how to attain long-term goals.

"It's the type of thing Wesleyan has got to be involved in", said Dean Joyce Schafer, chairman of the day. "After all, we were leaders by establishing the first college chartered to grant degrees to women."

A panel of women in non-traditional careers discussed "Women in a Man's World" before a group of high school and college students in the Benson Room of Candler Alumnae Center. It was sponsored by Georgia Tech and Wesleyan, who offer a Dual Degree program wherein a student may attend Wesleyan for three years, then Tech for two and finish with degrees from both institutions.



"Casey" and Mary

Wesleyan Senior Gets Illinois U Scholarship

For the first time a music student, Mary Linger, Wesleyan senior, has been granted a full graduate fellowship by the University of Illinois. The biggest award given by the University, it includes the complete cost of tuition, books, and \$3000 living expenses.

Mary is the first music major to graduate from Wesleyan in three years. A student of Norman McLean, she won first place in the Georgia Music Teachers' competition last fall. She is president of the Glee Club. John Wustman, who will be her teacher, heard Mary sing when he conducted a workshop on campus last fall. He is also the teacher of Carol Thurmond, alumna who came back to her Alma Mater recently to conduct a vocal workshop. Illinois' School of Music has 800 students.

"Wesleyan is small and concentrates on the individual", said Mary. "I have received a good music background and have had many enriching experiences."

Ahead of her lies the Vienna Symposium and graduate school.

Late Alumnae Books

In a Mirror Darkly

Vantage Press

By Lillian Carter, '22

Somebody Go and Bang a Drum

E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc.

By Rebecca Caudill (Ayars), '20

Brain Child

Harper and Row

By Peggy Napear, '51

Art Students Exhibit At Georgia Jubilee

A hundred thousand people are expected to attend the Georgia Jubilee, turn-of-the-century arts and crafts festival, at Macon's Central City Park May 24-26. The Macon Wesleyan alumnae are sponsoring an art show of work by local students between 14-18, on May 20-22. Finalists will be selected by Robert Nason, Chairman of the College Art Department, and this work will be shown in a special booth in the juried division at the Jubilee. Purchase awards in this category will total \$5,500.

Jubilee is sponsored by Junior League of Macon, Macon Civic Club, and Macon Junior Woman's Club. Proceeds will go to Macon Arts Council, Middle Georgia Council on Drugs, and the Museum of Arts and Sciences. Arts, music, crafts, drama, plus flowers and food, will be enjoyed by whole families at the Georgia Jubilee. The College is furnishing 40 folding tables to be used at the art show.

Book by Paul Fuller Is to be Published

Dr. Paul E. Fuller, Professor of History and Chairman of the Department of History and Political Science, has had a book accepted for publication by the University Press of Kentucky. The central character of the book is Miss Laura Clay (1849-1941), a member of the noted Clay family and daughter of Cassius Marcellus Clay, famous Abolitionist. She was a life-long advocate of the equality of the sexes, being particularly prominent in the struggle for equal property laws, co-guardianship rights, educational opportunities, and the franchise. The Press includes all the universities of Kentucky.

Enjoy Joint Party

Wesleyan Women enjoyed a joint brunch on April 27 with Mercer and Macon Junior College Women, hosted this year by Mercer Women.

In June Magazine

Alumnae Weekend, April 19-20, will be reported in the June Magazine Issue of WESLEYAN COLLEGE NOW. Watch for pictures and reports on dedication of the Leach Elevator; Alumnae Awards to Grace Laramore Hightower, '20; Julia Munroe Woodward, '34; Jane Mulkey Green, '42; Mamie Harmon, '26; Mary Miller, '24; Marion Allison Webb, '49; William F. Toole, Jr., '49; and other happenings.



Dr. Ross and Virginia McJenkin, president of Atlanta alumnae, chat with Austrian Consul, Walter H. Buzel, at luncheon benefit for Glee Club sponsored by Atlanta group

Glee Club's Vienna Plans Are Finalized

Plans for the Glee Club's trip to Austria this June were finalized at a meeting of Dr. Sylvia Ross, director of the group, and Dr. Paul Koutny, director of the Vienna Council on Intercultural Relations.

The Wesleyan singers will be the first female choir to participate in the Vienna Symposium for American Choral Directors. They will spend two weeks in Austria in June, working with Austrian faculty and singing with male voices from all over the USA.

Only 30 other US colleges have participated in the symposium since its founding in 1969. Wesleyan is one of the seven American colleges selected for this year's event, which will celebrate the 150th birthday anniversary of Anton Bruckner and the 100th of Arnold Schonberg.

The Wesleyan choral group will perform a Mass by Bruckner as

Establish Poetry Prize

The Eunice Thomson Poetry Prize, to be awarded annually by the Poetry Society of Georgia, has been established by friends of the late Eunice Thomson. A distinguished Georgia poet, who herself won many awards from the Society, Eunice served some years ago as Editor of the Wesleyan alumnae magazine and later as Alumnae Secretary (Director). Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund should write the Poetry Society of Georgia, Box 544, Savannah, Ga. 31404.

part of the service in the Abbey of St. Florian, where Bruckner is buried. A second public performance will be in Secession Hall in Vienna, a program of works by Schonberg.

Members of the Glee Club, the whole College family, the community, and other friends in far places, are cooperating to finance the trip. Projects have included a benefit concert by the Allman Brothers on March 14 and another, on April 22 by the Glee Club; flea markets and fashion shows; selling an all Wesleyan cookbook, doughnuts and soft drinks; baby sitting, washing cars, and various alumnae affairs, such as a recent party in Jacksonville. Cash contributions are also being received from individuals and corporations; alumnae gifts to the Annual Fund may be designated for the Vienna Symposium.

News Of Wesleyan

Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Gamma Mu, and Mortar Board, honor societies, joined together on Honors Day, April 18, at a banquet in the Manget Dining Room honoring students who have been recognized for scholastic achievement.

Twenty-six students took the train to New York for the annual seminar to explore business, cultural, and political aspects of that city March 21-28. Sponsored by the Council on Religious Concerns the seminar was chaperoned by Dr. and Mrs. Frank James.

A multi-media exhibit of what's happening at Wesleyan was presented as a community service at the Westgate Mall, Macon, March 15-16. The entire College cooperated with J. O. "Bud" Paine and Pam Wynne Carter, of Information Services, in preparing academic and non-academic displays on the theme "Wesleyan Is . . ." Performances of portions of Stunt, songs by The Wesleyannes, and a fencing demonstration added interest. Helen Farmer Popejoy, '44, is Promotional Director and Executive Secretary of the Westgate Merchants Association.

Anthony N. Rice, of the Art faculty, presented a paper and lecture on his sculpture at the Annual Conference of the College Art Association of America in January. He was one of 30 US sculptors selected to speak at the meet, held at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Thirty-three girls were chosen from 150 who came to campus in February to compete for Wesleyan Scholar Awards. They represented Florida, Georgia, Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Alabama. Each will receive \$2100 for a year's tuition. Total scholarship funds to be awarded to the girls is \$69,300 for the year.

Wesleyan's campus newspaper, edited by students, celebrated its 51st year with a special edition on March 5. Now known as Times and Challenge and as Town and Country when The College moved out to Rivoli, the publication started as The Watchtower in 1923. Students of Miss M. Virginia Garner, professor of Journalism and Director of Publicity at Wesleyan, wrote and edited the paper during its early years. Editor Daryl Dixon and the staff of T and C are to be congratulated on upholding the high standards set by Miss Garner's Young Lady Journalists (YLJ's).

Faculty-Staff family picnic is set for May 9 in the Anderson cabin.

Sophomore Green Knights won both the Stunt and Spirit cups on March 9 with their circus stunt, "Carnival Knowledge". Freshman Tri-K's came in second. Stunt and Parents Weekend were sponsored by the Council on Religious Concerns, Wesleyan Alumnae Association and the Parents of Wesleyan. Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Coble, Anderson, S.C., parents of Mary Coble, were elected to serve as new presidents of Parents of Wesleyan. Proceeds from Stunt went to scholarships to fifteen rising seniors.

Joel Plum, Associate Professor of Art, placed "Best in Show" at the first annual Southeastern Arts and Crafts Festival in the Macon Coliseum. His entry, nine ceramic Easter eggs containing figurines, was awarded \$250. Mr. Plum also displayed ceramics in the Great American Crafts show at Rich's in Atlanta, held under the aegis of the American Crafts Council.

College scenes in needlepoint are proving popular, as requests for the hand-painted canvases pour into the Alumnae Office. Ready for the needle (yarn is not included in packs) are designs of the Wesleyan seal, (\$15); the Loggia (\$7.50); the old towers (\$10), and the four class emblems (\$3). Please add \$1.25 for postage and handling. Delivery is 3-4 weeks.



Admitted to Program

Rising Seniors Jean Scales, standing, and Elizabeth ("Brownie") Davis will spend the summer studying voice and piano in Graz, Austria.

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